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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Grigory Gurshman

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 May 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because the figures are drawn by hand. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. The term "bulk portion" in claims 1, 9 and 12, is a relative term, which renders the claims indefinite. The term "bulk portion" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. The instant claims need to recite the recording medium having a particular portion having anisotropic optical properties.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section

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351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 9, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kamiyama (U.S. Patent No. 6,043,940).

Referring to the instant claims, Kamiyama discloses an optical system for optical recording (see title). Kamiyama teaches optical head used for recording and reproducing information in magneto-optical disc, DVD-RAM (see column 1, lines 5-10).

The limitation "recording medium, having anisotropic optical domains" is met by the disc D in Figs. 1 and 2. The lens (4) and the substrate (2) have anisotropic optical properties. The limitation "transferring a portion of the recording medium to a carrier, wherein ... a portion of the recording medium has ... detectable anisotropic optical properties" is met by the disc in Fig., 2 consisting of the two substrate layers (1 and 2). The layer 2 is a recording layer that is applied on the layer of the disc substrate (see column 3, lines 59-68).

6. Referring to claim 2, Kamiyama teaches the use of recording medium comprising the polymers such as silicon nitride (see column 3, lines 63), which has crystalline and anisotropic properties.

7. Referring to claims 3 and 6, Kamiyama shows the use of two different substrates with different properties.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 4, 5, 7, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kamiyama (U.S. Patent No. 6,043,940) in view of Li (U.S. Patent No. 5,549,953).

10. Referring to the instant claims, Kamiyama discloses an optical system for optical recording (see title). Kamiyama teaches optical head used for recording and reproducing information in magneto-optical disc, DVD-RAM (see column 1, lines 5-10).

Kamiyama, however, does not explicitly teach recording medium transferred in the pattern defined by a cipher.

11. Referring to the instant claims, Li discloses an optical recording media having optically variable security properties (see abstract and Fig.1). In Fig. 26 Li show the pattern applied to the recording medium. Li teaches that the position of the reflection peaks (i.e. pattern) depends on the phase thickness, which is given by equation 1 (see column 6). Equation produces a cipher, which defines the pattern on the recording medium. Therefore, at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to transfer the pattern on the recording medium of Kamiyama wherein the pattern is defined by the cipher as taught in Li. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to transfer the pattern on the recording medium wherein the pattern is defined by the cipher as taught in Li for positioning the reflectance peaks to obtain the desired color (see Li column 6, lines 36-40).

8. Referring to claim 7, Li teaches composition of reflective materials on the recording medium, which meets the limitation "fluorescent dye composition".

9. Referring to claim 13, it is well known in the art to imprint the message identifying the object on the carrier. For example the copy protection of the optical discs is done by imprinting the special data on the disc.

10. Claims 10, 11, 18 -21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kamiyama (U.S. Patent No. 6,043,940) in view of Waters (U.S. Patent No. 5,572,589).

11. Referring to the instant claims, Kamiyama discloses an optical system for optical recording (see title). Kamiyama teaches optical head used for recording and reproducing information in magneto-optical disc, DVD-RAM (see column 1, lines 5-10). Kamiyama, however, does not explicitly teach defining the pattern of the recording media on the carrier and authenticating the carrier based on the detected pattern.

Referring to the instant claims, Waters discloses a method for minimizing counterfeiting of CD-ROMs and authenticating users of CD-ROMs. In accordance with the first aspect of the present invention, a method of serializing a disc involves physically damaging a portion of the disc to create a pattern of damage. The pattern of damage is encoded in an identifying value and the disc is marked with the identifying value to distinguish the disc from other discs (see column 1, lines 25-35). Walters also teaches authenticating the disc based on the pattern (see Fig. 9). Therefore, at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to

authenticate the optical disc of Kamiyama based on the detected pattern as taught in Waters. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to authenticate the optical disc based on the detected pattern as taught in Waters for minimizing counterfeiting of CD-ROMs (see Waters, column 1, lines 20-25). Further more, it would have been obvious to save the data about the pattern in the database for comparing the patterns in the process of authentication.

12. Referring to claims 18-21, Walters explicitly teaches a data pattern molded on the surface of the substrate, having a set of defects (see column 1, lines 25-35).

13. Claims 14 -17 and 22-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Waters (U.S. Patent No. 5,572,589) in view of Edwards (U.S. Patent No. 5,398,226).

14. Referring to the instant claims Waters discloses a method for minimizing counterfeiting of CD-ROMs and authenticating users of CD-ROMs. In accordance with the first aspect of the present invention, a method of serializing a disc involves physically damaging a portion of the disc to create a pattern of damage. The pattern of damage is encoded in an identifying value and the disc is marked with the identifying value to distinguish the disc from other discs (see column 1, lines 25-35). Walters also teaches authenticating the disc based on the correspondence of the pattern (see Fig. 9). Walters also does not teach extracting dichroic element pattern for authentication of a medium.

Referring to the instant claims, Edwards discloses imaging tracking system for tracking optical media using a two wavelength optical head (see abstract and Fig.10). Edwards teaches the use of dichroic filter 92 (in Fig. 10). The extracted dichroic pattern is shown in Fig. 11. The pattern of tracking image 100 is shown in FIG. 9 by a representative tracking image pattern comprised of a plurality of data marks 108 corresponding to grooves or tracks 38 or other data features, imaged by the light path. Therefore, at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to authenticate a disc of Waters by extracting dichroic pattern by the imaging sensor from the optical disc as taught in Edwards. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to authenticate a disc by extracting dichroic pattern by the imaging sensor from the optical disc as taught in Edwards for providing track location verification data (see Edwards, column 2, lines 35-40).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Grigory Gurshman whose telephone number is (703) 306-2900. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM-5:30 PM.

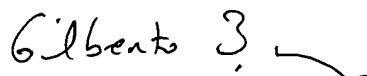
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (703) 305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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